

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A parking system, comprising:

a central information location comprising at least one database;

at least one client communicatively connected to the central location; and

a plurality of alerters, wherein each alerter comprises send and receive capabilities;

wherein each client communicates via a network with the central location, and wherein at least vehicle information of a vehicle parked and a location of the vehicle parked are entered to the at least one database from at least one client, and wherein a vehicle return request time is associated with the vehicle parked by the central location into the at least one database, and wherein the vehicle parked is returned responsively to activation of a one of the alerters uniquely associated with the vehicle parked in the vehicle return request time.

2. The parking system of claim 1, wherein each client is selected from the group consisting of a PDA, a PC, a laptop, a portable PC, and a cellular phone.

3. The parking system of claim 1, wherein the central location comprises a remote server.

4. The parking system of claim 1, wherein the central location comprises a distributed server.

5. The parking system of claim 1, wherein the at least one database comprises a relational, tabular databases.

6. A method of operating a parking system, comprising:

registering at least one parking location and at least one service provision location with a central location;

upon arrival of a vehicle parked at the service provision location, receiving vehicle information of the vehicle

parked, and receiving one of the parking locations for the vehicle parked, in a database at the central location via at least one client connected to the database via a network;

uniquely associating, at the central location, an alerter with the vehicle parked in the at least one database;

associating, at the central location, a vehicle return request time for return of the vehicle parked;

forwarding the vehicle information, the parking location, the alerter association, and the vehicle return request time for vehicle return, to the service provision location, and to the parking location; and

returning the vehicle parked in the vehicle request return time, responsively to an activation of the associated alerter.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the vehicle information comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an identifying ticket number, a license plate, a VIN number, a vehicle description, a vehicle name, and a scanned vehicle identifier.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising uniquely electronically coding each alerter, wherein said uniquely associating comprises associated the unique electronic code with the vehicle information.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein said receiving of the parking location comprises varying the parking location in accordance with at least one of a geographic location of the service provision location, congestion of registered ones of the parking locations, closing times of registered ones of the parking locations.

10. The method of claim 6, further comprising tracking all of the vehicles parked, and all of the parking locations, at the central location.

11. The method of claim 6, wherein said registering comprises issuing a username and password for a client at the service provision location.

12. The method of claim 6, further comprising generating a bill for the vehicle parked in accordance with the activation of the associated alerter.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said generating comprises adding parking charges to billings from the service provision location.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein said generating comprises scanning and automatically billing a payment associated with the vehicle information.